

## THE COMMONWEALTH.

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And the foot ball season has arrived again.

President Taft is spending \$18,000 to swing around the circle to tell how he swung the veto pen.

Cotton is infected by the cotton worms, the boll weevil and the bear speculators. How can it hold up in price.

One of our exchanges says that it is impossible to make a live town with dead citizens, which is no doubt very true and well said.

It appears from the press report sent out that the various colleges have had record breaking openings. This speaks well for our educational progress.

We extend our deepest sympathy to brother D. J. Walchard on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. V. H. Walchard, which occurred at her home in Greenville Saturday morning.

Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, will be in Raleigh Oct. 18th and deliver an address at the State fair grounds. This date will be during fair week, and Governor Harmon will be a big drawing card.

The Greensboro Daily News has recently absorbed the Evening Telegram of that city. This gives the city only two papers—an evening and morning paper and they are both of a high standard, both as to news service and editorial management.

The following advice from the Hertford County Herald is very timely just at this season:

"The poorest policy and the worst economy is to keep the children out of school. Every day lost has its manifold effect; the knowledge gained on that day is missed, pupil is thrown behind, becomes discouraged, has a bad effect on the class and the very habit is to be avoided."

The Pitt County News of Friday

"Solicitor J. H. Kerr, of Warrenton, reports that Startling Gunn, a North Carolinian, and a native of Caswell county, was the first to pull the trigger at Yorktown, where old man Cornwall was killed over to our Washington. An inscription on the tombstone to his (Gunn's) memory in the old burying ground on the Murray farm about three miles from Yorkville, tells the tale.

### ASSAULTS WHITE WOMAN.

A Negro Man Committed Assault upon White Woman in Warren County.

Warrenton, N. C., Sept. 18.—A negro, George Marshall, lately returned from the north, late Saturday afternoon criminally assaulted Mrs. J. E. Chaplain, the wife of a respectable farmer of Vicksburg 14 miles from here, after having threatened to kill her.

It appears that Mrs. Chaplain, the daughter of Mr. J. W. Abbott, aged 23 years, on going to the spring near the dwelling, was held up by Marshall, who with gun in hand, criminally assaulted her. Returning to the house she related to her husband and father what had occurred.

Mr. Chaplain immediately left for Warrenton for the sheriff, while Abbott armed himself with gun and with others began the hunt. Arriving at the negro's father's house the negro opened fire, shooting Abbott in the face and breast, and the second time in the back. Sheriff Davis, with others, was soon on the spot, and surrounded the house and firing commenced. The sheriff was wounded in the arm and he returned to Warrenton for assistance and medical treatment.

Yesterday morning after the house had been watched all night the negro's father, by a ruse, entered the house with other negroes and overpowered him, when the posse rushed in, bound him and brought him here to jail. The whole of two counties is aroused over the atrocious deed.

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## NEWS FROM HALIFAX.

Items of Interest Reported From The County Seat.

Halifax, N. C., Sept. 19.—Col. Frank Paison has a field of fine cotton over the river that was planted in June which up till a few days ago was in an excellent growing state, and from which he anticipated quite a large yield, but the army worm located it, and Col. says they placed bullet holes through it without any regard to habit. He thinks the yield will be much decreased.

We were informed a few days ago that Mr. Kiah Bradley, who resides in the Crowell section, found what he thinks is the boll weevil on his farm. He stated that they drilled holes in the boll causing them to rot.

Messrs. T. O. Vaughan and Z. E. Stephenson have a fine field of cotton although the drought effected it much. They are gathering on an average of one thousand pounds per acre first picking. They have two acres of long staple cotton, some of which come up about the middle of June is the tallest we have ever seen, a great deal of it is 7 to 8 feet in height.

Mrs. James Carroll continues very ill at her home one mile west of town, we learn today that she is worse.

Mr. James Twisdale for some weeks has been very sick and today we are informed that it is only a matter of a few hours for him here unless there is a decided change for the better.

Halifax High School opened Monday with the attendance fair, Miss Elizabeth Clark has charge of the school this session.

Miss Sarah Fennor, of Raleigh, for several days has been the guest of Miss Nannie Gary.

Mrs. T. O. Vaughan, Miss Maud and Master Jack have returned from Woodland.

J. H. Watkins, of Norfolk, was a visitor here a day or so ago.

J. McP. Tucker, of Petersburg, was here Tuesday on business.

F. Froelich left Tuesday for Richmond to spend the week.

Mrs. E. L. Travis has returned from New York where she spent several days.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Swanson, Misses Annie and Lillie, Masters Tommie and Howard, of Dorchester, have been visiting Mrs. Swanson's mother, Mrs. Henry C. Harper.

Mrs. W. A. Sater spent a day in Scotland Neck last week with her daughter, Mrs. Harrell.

Mrs. J. W. Cornett returned from Petersburg Monday where she has been visiting relatives for three weeks.

Miss Mary Norman spent the week with her mother at Littleton.

Miss Lucy Betts left last week for Lenoir College.

Judge Jas. M. Mullen, of Petersburg, was here Monday on legal business.

### Forced to Leave Home.

Every year a large number of poor sufferers, whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs, are urged to go to another climate. But this is easily and not always sure. There is a better way. Let Dr. King's New Discovery cure you at home. "It cured me of lung trouble," writes W. E. Nelson, of Calumet, Ark. "When all else failed and I gained 47 pounds in weight. It surely is the king of all cough and lung cures." Thousands owe their lives and health to it. It's positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Asthma, Croup—all Throat and Lung troubles. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at E. T. Whitehead Company.

### Dawson's Hums.

Dawson, N. C., Sept. 19.—We are glad to learn that Mr. J. D. Lawrence is improving.

Mr. Geo. Newson has returned from a visit to Oak City.

Mr. Ben Partine and family have recovered from a severe attack of fever.

We were glad to see Mr. Walter Finch up Sunday shaking hands with his friends, says his crop is very good.

One of our town boys that visited Washington, D. C., some time ago tells us that he saw a good many houses there covered with gold. We would like to see such a sight.

Mr. Alf Barnhill is installing a nice gin and press and will be ready to gin cotton in a short while.

Mr. L. W. Barnhill has added on to his store house getting ready for a good fall trade.

We learn that Mr. Tom Cotton has bought out Mr. Bob Price and will open a general merchandise store at Mr. Balfour Dunns old stand.

A good many farmers around here say their cotton crop is coming in very short and the prices seems very short to us when we think of the soda we used this year.

Messrs. Archie and Tom DeBerry returned home a few days ago from Richmond for a few days rest.

There were eleven baptized last Friday as additions to Dawson's Baptist Church.

Brunswick stews and barbecues are all over now with we old farmers for this season, now comes our time for sweet potatoes and 'possum.

## Is It Right?

Mr. Editor—I was surprised to see that our cotton buyers were instructing our ginners how to wrap up our cotton, when we have left it with them to fix the price and to say what should be taken off for bagging and ties. I see in the Progressive Farmer that they took off 30 pounds to the bale, and the Progressive Farmer urges every body to be sure to put on 30 pounds to the bale. Now Mr. Buyer if this 30 pounds to the bale is not correct you will do us a favor by letting us know what is correct. Mr. Buyer if this 30 pounds to the bale is correct and we wrap up our cotton with 2 pound bagging, and chop the side strips out we will lose about \$2 to the bale, if there be 12 million bales made it means to the farmer 24 million dollars lost. Mr. Buyer that will be too bad.

W. B. BARNHILL.

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S. T. WOMACK  
Scotland Neck, North Carolina

## Notice of Sale of Dunn Land

October 2, 1911.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Halifax county, made in the special proceeding entitled, V. B. Dunn, Robert G. Dunn, Mary W. Dunn and Rosa P. Dunn Vs. Annie V. Dunn, the same being No. 10, upon the special proceeding docket of said court, the undersigned commissioner will on Monday, the second day of October, 1911, at twelve o'clock, noon, at the court house door in Halifax, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder certain tracts of land lying and being in Enfield township, Halifax county, North Carolina, and described as follows, to-wit:

First Tract—Adjoining the lands of S. C. Bellamy and others, beginning at the inside corner of an old dam and ditch, S. Bellamy's corner; thence north 31 1/2 W 120 poles along said ditch, said to be Bellamy's line; thence continuing Bellamy's line along a hedge row N 55 1/2 E 53 poles to a large pine stump at the head of a ditch, said to be Jossey's line; thence N 5 E 101 poles to a canal and dam, said to be the line; thence along the dam and canal to its junction with a larger canal and dam; thence along said canal to a large cypress tree standing at a crossing of a plantation path; thence south 121 W 44 poles and 10 links to the beginning; and 80 poles along said dam from the south side of the public road to Enfield, containing 155 1/2 acres; the last distance, 80 poles, is given so as to locate the corner, known as the Short Swamp place.

Second Tract—Beginning at the public road to Enfield at the head of a dam, the corner of the Dunn and Tillery tracts in Bellamy's line; thence along said dam S 12 W 8 poles, S 6 W 14 poles, S 11 E 18 poles and 10 links, S 15 W 24 poles to the end of the dam; thence S 1 E 92 poles to Dead Creek; thence along Dead Creek to Fishing Creek to a very large draw and knotted oak standing on the bank of Fishing Creek at a point where it makes a sharp turn; thence N 3 E 34 poles to the public road to Enfield; thence along said road to the beginning, containing 192 acres, known as Washington Whitehead Place.

Third Tract—Adjoining the lands of Dr. O. C. Stallings, J. L. Fleming, Mrs. D. M. Dunn and others, and being known as the B. C. Dunn home place, and said to contain 940 acres, more or less; the said home place being the property of Wells Drayton and willed by said Drayton to B. C. Dunn and wife, Rosa P. Dunn, for life and at their death to their children, and being the place at which B. C. Dunn and wife lived, and being known in Enfield township, Halifax county, as the B. C. Dunn home place, and being situated on the old road leading from Enfield to Scotland Neck, known as Enfield road. The above property being the property and all of same devised by Wells Drayton to Mrs. Rosa P. Dunn for her life and then to her children by will probated September 24, 1872, and recorded in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of Edgecombe county in Will Book Volume 7, page 502, to which reference is made.

Terms of sale—One-third cash, one third in six months and one third in twelve months, deferred payments to bear interest from date of sale, and sale made subject to confirmation by court.

R. O. EVERETT,  
Commissioner.  
This 20th day of August, 1911.

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## Administrator's Notice.

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A. B. WHITE, Adm'r.  
August 31st, 1911.

Scotland Neck, N. C., **28.**  
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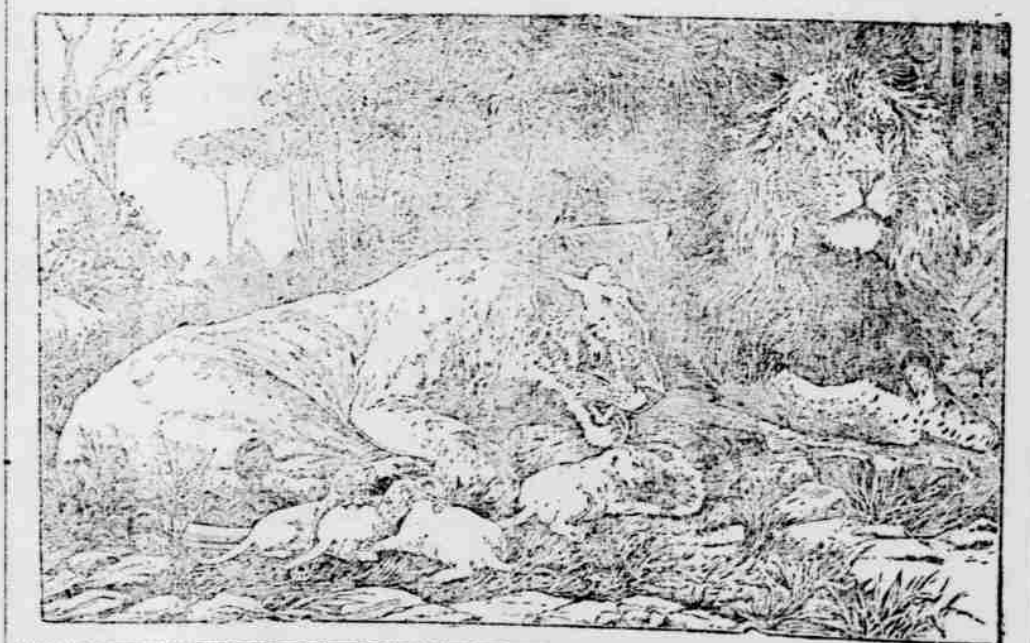
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**Notice.**  
All persons indebted to W. H. Cannon's estate will please make immediate payment to me. All persons having claims against his estate will file same with me within the next 30 days as his estate will then be settled. Sept. 6, 1911.  
**A. PAUL CITCHIN, Atty.**  
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